

REMARKS

The applicant hereby elects the group II invention, consisting of claims 17-24, without traverse, and without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

In the Official Action, Claims 1 - 27 were noted as pending in the application. Claims 1 through 16 and 25 through 27 are withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention. Further examination of the elected claims is respectfully solicited.

If the examiner has any questions regarding these matters, kindly contact the undersigned at the telephone numbers or address stated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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